Dear friends, 3/10/94

I hope the enclosed report of what I regard as a disaster is comprehensible.

The woman I address is not responsible for it.

The situation is incredible! I cannot understand how it came about.

I am not here referring to the injudiciousm unnecessary and quite hurtful decimation of the manuscript. I'm referring to what remains of it.

You have to see the retyped copy I returned in January, I think, and compare that with the page proofs to see the nature and extent of the corrections that should have been made before it was sent me that were not included in the proofs.

They are supposed to have used a professional copy~~reader~~editor, too. I was told that is what would happen when I returned the corrected copy.

If I do not in time get some comprehensible explanation from Gallen I'll write and ask him for it.

My impression is that they are trying to accomodate the printer they use and have decided on a date for the appearance of the book.

The focus on the media, on the failed institutions, was cut out entirely. I picked a little of that up, on the media in particular, in the new conclusions, that I sent by express mail on the eighth and they had on the ninth.

They edited out the great stuff on Posner basing his Oswald biography that made him a born assassin to Posner, based on what he says Hartogs testified to when in fact Hartogs swore to the exact opposite, out enturely! Along with his record of getting free sex from his woman patients, and he is Posner's only source on that basic fabrication of his. I got enough of that in the conclusions. so it was not entirely eliminated.

These and the pictures are what are most likely to make stories, attract media interest and use.

And never dreaming there could be anything as impossible as what I learned toward the end of yesterday, I spent much of that day writing to those who might be interested in the media and referred to these things because they are a natural for the media.

Last Night was one of the rare ones in that I had trouble falling asleep and then returning to sleep after I awakened. This was that much on my mind. I stayed up for an hour at a time and read to get it off my mind. What also helped is when I took half of a modest valium dosage several times. I take any of that so rarely it is effective.

But I had to ask Lil to break the pills apart. I could not do it.

I ask that for now at least you keep all of this to yourselves.

Harold